

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

MAY 2004 AGENDA

SUBJECT Requested by Oakdale Joint Unified School District to waive Education Code (EC) Section 51224.5(b), the requirement that all		Action
students graduating in the 2003-04 year be given a diploma of graduation for 4 special education students based on EC 56101, the special education authority. Waiver Number: 45-4-2004		Consent
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RECOMMENDATION

Approval 🛛 Approval with conditions 🔲 Denial
that the request is granted for the 2003-04 school year only. This waiver removes only
the requirement that these students successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (or its
equivalent). These students must meet other course requirements stipulated by the
governing board of the school district of enrollment and by EC 51225.3 in order to
receive a high school diploma.

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION AND ACTION In 2000, legislation was enacted to require students as a condition of receiving a high school diploma to complete Algebra 1. The Algebra 1 requirement applies beginning with students graduating in 2003-04.

SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

This waiver removes only the requirement that these students must successfully complete a course in Algebra 1 (or its equivalent) in order to receive a diploma of graduation. The district has provided facts indicating that failure to approve the request would hinder implementation of the student's individualized education program (IEP) or compliance by the district for a free, appropriate education for students with disabilities.

The district has provided documentation or certification that these students are currently enrolled but would not be successful completing Algebra 1. The district has provided documentation or certification that all services and supports pursuant to the IEP were provided to these students to assist the students to complete Algebra 1. The district has also certified that these students were on a diploma track.

Had the district applied for a waiver pursuant to the State Board of Education Policy 04-01 these students would have met the requirements for the general waiver authority for EC 51224.5(b).

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Authority for the Waiver: EC 56101
Bargaining unit(s) consulted on date(s): Consultation is not required for this waiver.
Position of bargaining unit(s) (choose only one): N/A
☐ Neutral ☐ Support ☐ Oppose
Name of bargaining unit(s)/representative(s): N/A
Local board approval date(s): March 31, 2004
Period of request: 2003-04 School Year
FISCAL ANALYSIS (AS APPROPRIATE) There will be no adverse fiscal impact to the state if this waiver is approved.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Some documentation is available for web viewing. Waiver forms and other hard copy documents are available for viewing at the Waiver Office or the State Board Office.